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Come Walk the "Wild Side"
where Rte. 2 planned

A public walk along the path of proposed Route 2 through Wendell will be held Sunday, October 9. Named "A Walk on the Wild Side II," it echoes one held four years ago through the same woods alongside the Millers River.

Following the 1979 walk and many highly critical comments, the state decided to add an entire section to the Environmental Impact Statement it was preparing: a study of the possibility of upgrading Route 2 through Erving. In it, the authors concluded that the Erving upgrade is feasible and offered four separate plans for accomplishing it, at a cost varying from one-twentieth to one-half the cost of the Wendell alignment. But they also offered their opinion that, for safety reasons, such an upgrade would not be prudent.

Today, with the legal requirements apparently met, the administration of Gov. Dukakis is considering announcing the design phase of the controversial Wendell route. The walk, according to the sponsors, is intended as a firsthand look at the environmental costs of this plan. Sponsors are Wendell Concerned Citizens, the Sierra Club, and the Connecticut River Watershed Council.

Meanwhile, the upgrade study and the entire 230-page EIS have been examined and have met with criticism. "Where the EIS fails is in demonstrating the need for a large highway," charged John "Klondike" Koehler. "Even proponents like (County Commissioner) Ev Hatch acknowledge that traffic counts and projections don't warrant it. And the claim that an upgrade of the present road would be imprudent is completely undocumented," he said. "As far as safety is concerned, you start with the fact that the Erving stretch is below the rest of Route 2 in accidents per million vehicle-miles, and you go on to the fact that the aggravating or dangerous things about the present road can be corrected with sightline improvements and a better roadway." Koehler is a member of Wendell Concerned Citizens and a frequent user of Rt. 2 with his trucks.

The walk will start at 10 a.m. at the Wendell Depot store, and will go west from there. Participants should bring lunch; beverages will be provided at a stopping place along the way. It will take slightly over three hours.

Rain date is October 16, rain or shine. Call Myron Becker (544-2086) or Anne Zak (544-6801) for details.

by Jonathan von Ranson

Highway Commission Study
Comm. Meets Select Board

On August 2, a committee set up to explore the feasibility of a town highway commission met with the selectboard to hear their feelings on the matter. The committee is made up of Pliny Stebbins, Emma Cappelluzzo, and James Woodard.

The committee noted that there are three options. (1) Highway surveyor, (our present system) is elected. (2) Highway supervisor, who would be appointed by the selectboard. (3) Road Commission which would be elected and would hire the highway crew.

The prevailing position of the selectboard members was that a change must be made. The main concern was that the selectboard had responsibility for the town budget but had little control over spending by the highway department.

Selectman Simos noted, "the Board of Selectmen is involved in the money for the highway department -- bidding, contracts, budgets." Board member Slavas added, "When there's such a large budget item, it doesn't make sense not to have more control over the money." Slavas was reluctant to see the Selectboard take on the extra work of a road commission, but saw the fiscal control and setting of priorities as crucial. Ted Lewis, board chairman, offered, "We're getting too much bureaucracy. I'd like to see the Board of Selectmen be Road Commission or in charge of the Highway Department."

The study committee will meet with the highway Surveyor and other town departments before issuing their recommendations next year before Annual Town Meeting.

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Property Tax Map

The Wendell Board of Assessors has received the map of the town's property it commissioned two years ago and has scheduled two days of public hearings on it, September 12,10 a.m. - 8 p.m., and September 13, 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. at Town Hall.

The 14-page map shows the location, shape, area and dimensions of every parcel in town. It is drawn to a scale of 400 ft. to the inch. The project cost $22,000 and was prepared from surveys, deed descriptions, conversations with landowners, and custom aerial photographs, taken especially for the project. It will be updated annually through an arrangement between the present board of assessors and the preparers, Gordon Ainsworth & Associates, Inc. of South Deerfield.

The map and accompanying data cards, which show the owner of each parcel and its improvements and assessment, may bring the town out of the era of inexact, quaint -- "twenty acres more or less" -- property descriptions as a basis for taxation into a more precise system of assessors' record-keeping. "It's not going to take away or add to anybody's land," said Mike Shores of Ainsworth Associates. "The map is just a way to arrive at something fair and equitable for assessment purposes."

The assessments on some pieces of property will change because surveys and measurements made since the deed was first written have shown the real acreage owned to in fact be "more" or "less." The flat-land measurements made from the new aerial photographs will tend to show less acreage than the deed if the measurements were originally taken up and down hills. "It's the same principle that if you took a flat-iron to Vermont, it'd be bigger than Texas," explained Shores. "A square foot is measured horizontally, not on a slope."

The newly synthesized information will raise some people's assessments just as it lowers others'. In either case, Shores will hear out any landowner who has a problem with the property lines or other informatior contained on the tax map at the September hearings. "I'll explain what I did," he said. "If they can show information that meets certain criteria, the map will be corrected. After the public hearing, the burden will be on them to show the map is incorrect."

Stebbins said the "main advantage of the map is being able to locate everything, and so future generations of assessors can locate property, without a longstanding knowledge of town."

by Jonathan von Ranson

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Hands-on Medicine

Is it another trip to the chiropractor that you need? More aspirin? Those old muscle relaxant pills, Ben-Gay or Heet? Doesn't a Swedish massage sound oh so much nicer?

The therapeutic benefits of deep muscle massage have been known for thousands of years. But "modern medicine" tends to lay off the hands rather than lay them on. The era of pill popping saw the art of massage almost lost, and the advent of massage parlors did nothing to enhance its legitimacy. Luckily, people remembered the luxury and therapy of Swedish massage in the old spas and health clubs. Now the newer generations with their interest in Oriental arts and renewed sense of the importance of touch are encouraging a comeback. Swedish strokes are often combined with accupressure, reflexology (foot pressure points) and polarity in a modern full-body massage.

A good massage by a knowledgeable practitioner gives both stimulation and relaxation, profoundly affecting the nervous, vascular, even digestive and eliminatory systems through improved circulation, tissue and muscle tone. But the effects to the muscles are perhaps the most spectacular. Not only aching muscles, but also chronic conditions like feeble circulation and arthritis can be aided.

But a masseur or masseuse must be trained well and know particularly what not to do and when. A push or pull in the wrong place, or deep work on an inflamed or varicose area might be a disaster.

You might be interested to know that there are three such professionals in the Wendell area (that this writer knows of): Susan Dupre', Kumba, and Elaine Reardon. These women practice massage both at their clients' homes and at the Sportsplex in Orange.

Isn't it nice to know there is another very satisfying option for that nagging back-ache?

by Susan Dupre

Quoted from a recent Athol/Orange Chamber of Commerce brochure selling the Athol-Orange area as a place to settle:

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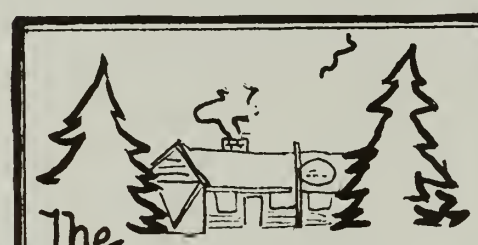


The Wendell Country Store 544-8511

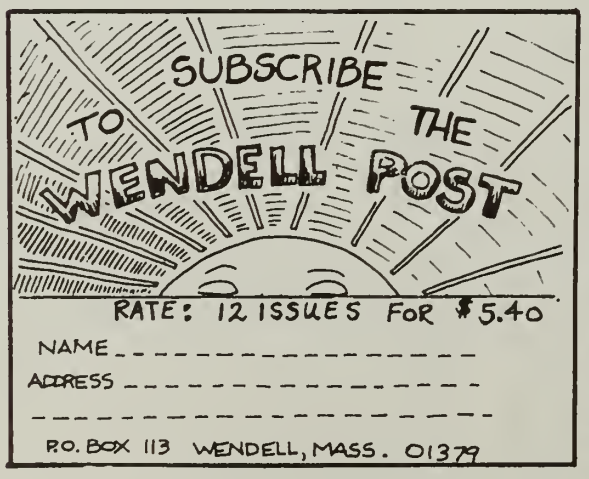
Taking a Break ~

Special acknowledgement must be paid to two Wendell Post staffers about to commence well-earned sabbaticals. Special good wishes to Kathy Becker and Anne Diemand.

At the Post we all get to try on different hats, and these two have broken in and worn out several.Kathy has concentrated on pulling the layout together, but has written, taken pictures, typeset and proofread, too. Anne has helped Kathy at those tasks and generally supervised the production end of putting out a newspaper -- that is, cracked the whip (especially for deadline-benders like this writer.)

For more than five years they have cared for this paper. Sometimes they cared enough that we would fight about what went into it or how. Looking closer it's easy to see that what they have worked and fought for is a product that reflected how special Wendell is for them. After all, it was largely that feeling that inspired them to help found this paper in the first place.

Kathy plans to labor through her senior year at nursing school. Anne's labor will include producing and caring for a new child. Special thanks go to these colleagues. Their work and encouragement will be missed.



The Post Lives!

A recent Wendell Post staff meeting seriously considered bringing the Wendell Post to an end. This is so in large part because most of the current staff is overcommitted with projects and obligations outside of this newspaper.

Long, heavy discussion commenced. But a consensus persisted that the Wendell Post had made a place for itself that couldn't be abandoned easily.

A challenge remains for us in the coming months and the energy drain won't diminish, especially with the loss of two key staffers. We are on the lookout for fresh faces in the Wendell Post newsroom. Please call if you can help to keep us rolling.

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Wendell's Music Scene

by David Boatwright

Remember the summer of '73? Spiro Agnew was vice-president (does anyone remember Agnew?), gas was still around 30¢ a gallon and the Outerspace Band moved to Wendell. Yes, that's right, the Outerspace Band. July 15, 1983 found the group back at the Warwick Inn, still rocking out and having a good time. Ten years later shows a professional and musical growth to be enjoyed by us all. If you get a chance to hear Space on one of their infrequent re-unions in the area, don't miss it! Congratulations to Klondike and Teri who will be married in Memphis, Tenn. in early October.

Wendell Olde Home Day provided some musical fun. B-man, Judy and Fred, all former Wendell Rangers, played a breathtakingly beautiful set of folk and country rock on the common after a thunderstorm sent the crowd scurrying. Later on, Loose Caboose debuted some long germinating new original and cover material. Special thanks to Wendell Studio, B-man, Judy and Dexter for putting the show together.

Caboose is looking towards a busy fall and hopes to get another record started soon. Their album, "Dealer's World," has been selling well in the Valley and getting positive feedback from as far away as L.A., Boise, Idaho and Montego Bay, Jamaica.

Steven Schoenberg's LP, "Pianoworks," has sold out of its first edition and will be going into a second, larger printing to fill demands from the Valley, Boston, and all over the Atlantic coast. Naturally, Steven will be doing more concerts as a result. His musical, "Quabbin," was recently performed at U-Mass and he also just completed a score for an in-house film for the Digital Corporation. Debbie Fier is in a similar situation, having sold through her first edition several months ago.

Look for Loose Caboose at the Hangar One in Hadley on Sept. 9 and The Wok Sept. 16 & 17.

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Town Jobs Yet to be Filled

There are several jobs, committee posts in particular that need help doing. Some Town officials have noted that people are reluctant to take on these duties, but wish that more people would share the workload.

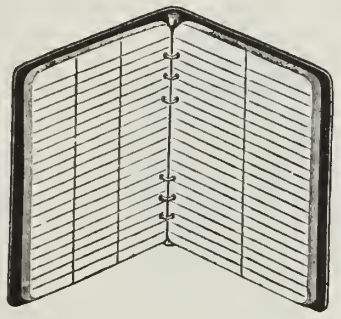
Urgent on the list is the need for a new Dog Officer. Ted Lewis is doing those chores on top of his selectman work.

The Finance Committee needs at least two new members. This job has become critically important in shaping the Town's budget, as well as performing its traditional fiscal oversight function. It is an excellent place to learn about Town government.

The Planning Board is short one or two members. Their work is ongoing and has taken on special importance with the increased incidence of land sales.

A committee to report to the Town by November 1983 is still to be formed. This short-term committee is to study the feasibility of adding to the front of Wendell Fire Department Building.

Any Wendell voters may serve on these committees. If you are interested, call the selectboard, or its clerk, the moderator, or a member of the standing committees.



Notes from the Administrative Assistant

The following are several of the projects I have been working on this past month.

Jobs Bill Application. This is a grant for towns with low and moderate income. Wendell qualifies as an applicant along with 122 other Mass. towns. The money is federally funneled through the state Executive Office of Community Development.

After a hearing on August 2nd, an application is being made for a community building at location in the Center along with an outdoor recreation area. The application will be submitted to EOCD by August 19th. Notification of funding will probably be by early September.

One of the primary goals is to provide jobs for local people. A recreation commission or board of trustees would oversee the facility.

Housing Rehabilitation Program. To date 11 families in Wendell have received rehab funds through a grant received from the Mass. EOCD and being administered by the Franklin County Regional Housing Authority.

Most of this year's grant funds have been spent and a second year's funding will become available in October, 1983. For more information contact me Monday, Thurs., or Friday at the Erving Town Hall, 544-3636.

by Rita Farrell

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Town Meeting

Major business for the special town meeting August 30th involves the town's new bucket loader and funds for the town garage account.

The selectboard is trying to pin down a source to finish paying for the town's new bucket loader. The Annual Town Meeting approved a $20,000 appropriation from the stabilization fund. $14,000+ more is needed to pay for the machine. At a special election, voters rejected a debt exclusion possibility (an extra separate line on tax bills to pay for the debt.) The selectboard has signed a short term loan to pay for the loader and that is what voters are being asked to fund.

Federal Revenue Sharing is available and one article seeks to add funds to the Town Garage construction account. Three other articles involve smaller ammounts to correct an addition error, make a payment to the auditor, and fix the existing town garage.

Below is the posted Town Warrant...

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
TUESDAY, AUGUST 30, 1983
7:15 p.m.

Article 1: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate $2,500 for an Audit of Town Records or take any action thereon.

Article 2: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate the additional sum of $100.00 for Article 4 of the May 4, 1983 Annual Town Meeting and to change the sub-category Protection of Persons and Property from $12,081 to $12,181 and to make the total of the article read $454,385.04 or take any action thereon.

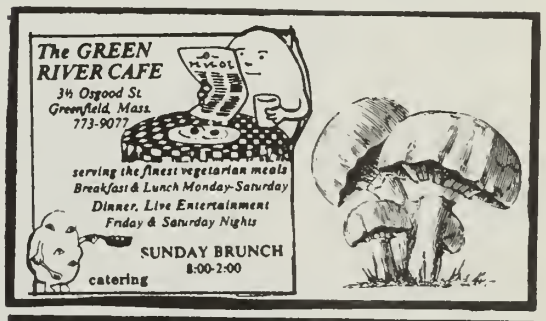
Article 3: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, appropriate from Federal Revenue Sharing Funds, and or appropriate from Free Cash the sum of $14,428.00 for the principal plus $212.50 for interest to pay the short term loan for the new front end loader for the Highway Department or take any action thereon.

Article 4: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of $14,131.11 or such sums that may be available from Federal Revenue Sharing Funds by Sept. 30, 1983 to the Town Garage/Fire Department Building Account or take any action thereon.

Article 5: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate a sum of money to repair the Town Garage or take any action thereon.

Article 6: To transact any other legal business that may come before said meeting.

Signed 9th day of August, 1983.



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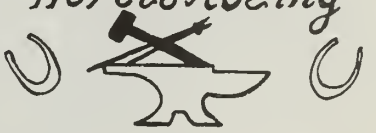
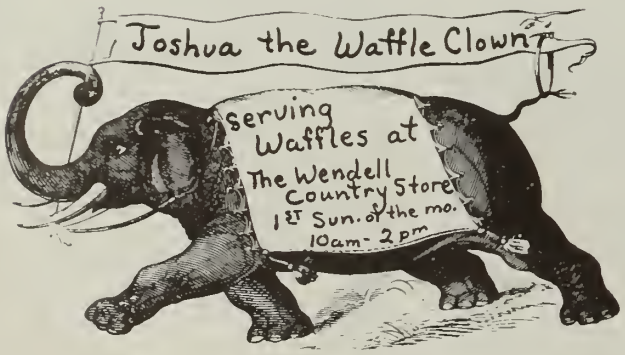


Tony Diemand 1617-544-3806

Waffles the Clown participated in both Wendell and New Salem Old Home Days. Here he leads the Teddy Bears for a Nuclear Freeze.

New Salem Old Home Day Parade, antique fire engine from Petersham.

Girl On Horse, Hannah Cramer.

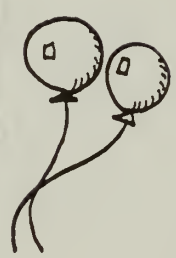


Girls on Fire Truck, Sarah Schoenberg, Laura Tad, and Rebeccah Silver. Driver, Tony Palmieri.

NEW SALEM Old Home Days

July 16th gave rise to another beautiful day - hot, but perfectly clear and it was perfectly clear that everyone who attended New Salem's Old Home Day had a great time. The day was well put together with so many events and activities that it's hard to highlight one or two, but for me the highlight is always the town spirit that prevails and the special feeling I get from living in a small town where people know and care about each other.

The Ben Stacey Footrace kicked off the day at 10:30. This one mile event has always been popular and this year was no exception. Winners are as follows: Women's Division: under 11 years- Ruth DeCosta- 7:38; 11-13 years- Cindy Johnson- 8:48; 14-17 years- Cara Voutselas- 6:17; 18-29 years- Pam Barnes- 6:01. Men's Division: under 11 years- David Palmieri- 7:05; 11-13 years- Griffith Marshall- 6:20; 14-17 years- Ronald Woodward- 5:12; 18-29 years- Clayton Wetherby- 5:02; 30-39 years- Carl Sauter- 6:15; 40-49 years- Spencer Marshall- 6:45; 50-59 years- Lesley Barnes- 6:34; over 60 years- Russ Jones- 8. Winners of the lumber sawing contest are: Women: Heidi Jones and Jane Marshall, Men: Paul McGuiness and partner, Mixed: Paul and Claire McGuiness. Jill Harris and Peter Reppas placed first in the egg throwing contest, while Kristen Harris and Marie Flinders devoured pies faster than anyone else in the pie eating event.



The Crafts and Fine Arts exhibits were exceptionally displayed this year and people were treated to demonstrations of basketweaving, rugbraiding, quilting, spinning and oilpainting. While all this was going on people browsed, paraded, volleyballed, ate, auctioned, purchased, participated in and visited around the common. The Orange Community Band drew people together as the day slipped into late afternoon and many people enjoyed a wonderful chicken Bar-B-Que put on by the Diemands. Evening entertainment took the form of a cabaret where everyone was served homebaked pie and ice cream by singing waitresses, and then entertained by some top notch local talent.

All in all, this year's Old Home Day was once again a day to be remembered and a heartfelt thanks to all of those people who made it that way.

Judith Ann Marie and Friends, Jeffrey Bauman, Fred Sweitzer, plus Myron Becker standing in, gave a free afternoon concert.

Loose Caboose appeared for a twilight concert, on stage before and after the Wendell Bicentennial Slide Show. Other evening features included the Diemand Chicken Bar-B-Q.

Town Moderator, Michael Idoine, tried his hand as a watermelon hawker for the "Wendell Post".

An in-hand, up-the-arm snake demonstration by Jimi Two Feathers charmed the kids, and quite a few grown-ups too.

WENDELL OLD HOME DAY

Wendell Old Home Day '83 dawned under cloudy skies. Canvas canopies bloomed on the green as hot dogs began to cook, beer chilled and coffee perked. Newspapers rustled as craftspeople unwrapped their wares. The Golden Agers, the Wendell Churchers, the Wendell Posters, the police and the firemen, the library people, musicians and soundmen, kids, dogs, bikes, town officials, and individuals bustled about. Wires ran to every available outlet Balloons floated away.

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Lights on, Once Again

New Salem's town hall, couched in darkness for the past year, has just recently been illuminated again. When townspeople voted to turn off all street lights at last year's town meeting, they did not turn off discussion of streetlights. This issue has been the subject of much heated debate at many ensuing meetings, and at the dinner table, and much of it has centered around the town hall and the safety of persons entering and leaving the building at night. A special thank you goes to Bradley Fisher for researching and presenting information about a sodium vapor light to the board of selectmen. And to Selectman Richard Shortt who made a motion to allocate existing monies from the "town hall maintenance fund" to install the light atop the front part of the town hall. It's reassuring to know that problems can be solved effectively and efficiently.

New Salem Posting

Quabbin ~ A New Musical

Steven Schoenberg and Dorothy Johnson have completed a new musical, which has already been produced as part of the University of Massachusetts' summer theater program. The two previewed the musical, entitled Quabbin, on July 16 as part of New Salem's Old Home Day. Johnson introduced the play while Schoenberg sang and performed various selections before the sell-out crowd attending the evening cabaret. Doris Abramson, another New Salem resident and one of the play's actors, also sang a solo piece from the musical.

Johnson wrote the play and the lyrics, while Schoenberg wrote the music to the 17 songs. Quabbin is the second collaboration by the two, who are next door neighbors in New Salem, following last year's musical, "Small Town Life." Though the latter was intended as a local production, Schoenberg and Johnson hope to establish Quabbin within professional theater's repertoire.

The play telescopes the last ten years of life in Swift River Valley into two hours. The effect of the Quabbin Reservoir's construction and the subsequent destruction of the Valley's towns and villages are traced through the lives of nine people, eight from the fictional town of North Village and the ninth an engineer working for the Metropolitan District Commission. "Quabbin" draws on real characters, like the gold mining Barow brothers, and real events, like the last Memorial Day dance - which ended on the last stroke of midnight with the townspeople singing Auld Lange Syne.

The musical was performed as part of the "Works in Progress" series at the University of Massachusetts Rand Theater. The cast of four professional and five area actors received the scripts on Monday, July 25th for full scale performance on Friday and Saturday, July 29th and 30th. The intervening week consisted of non-stop rehearsals which saw Johnson and Schoenberg, who performed the music, returning home late at night.

Schoenberg and Johnson discussed Quabbin with the audience, which included residents of the Swift River Valley who had been displaced by the Reservoir. The two plan to rewrite certain portions of the play based on the comments they received and on the response of those involved in the production. Once the rewriting is completed Schoenberg and Johnson hope to interest small professional theaters, such as Springfield's Stage West, in the production.

by Paul Bush

New Salem Library

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There are many large print books available at the library. The New Salem Library has received a joint grant with Wheeler Memorial and the Athol Public Library to purchase large print books from the Library Services and Contraction Title 1 through the Mass. Board Library Commissioners. The first two deposits are now in the library and include a selection of romances, Westerns, biographies, mysteries and historical novels. So if you need large print books I am sure you will be delighted with our newest additions.

Friends of New Salem Library

The Friends of the New Salem Library have planned two happenings for early September. The first will be the fall general meeting to be held on Tuesday, September 6 at 8:00 p.m. at the New Salem Library. Following the business meeting, Jane Marshall will read some of her poems. The second will be a Bake and Book Sale on Saturday, September 10. This will be on Route 202, on the top of New Salem Hill, from 9:00 to 3:00. Everyone is invited to both of these events.

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Vital Statistics

Birth

Richard Alan Wilder, Jr. was born on May 10, 1983 at 2:29 a.m. in Montague, Mass. Congratulations to Penny Ellen Hall Wilder and Richard Alan Wilder of Davis Turn Road.

Marriage

Forrest Tinsley and Cyndy Purlman were married on August 2, 1983 at their home in West Paris, Maine. Cyndy and Forrest came down for a visit in mid-Aug. Cyndy says she misses teaching at Swift River and would like to give her love to friends and students in New Salem and Wendell.

Danette Reynolds and Robert Gallagher were married on August 7, 1983 in the Wendell State Forest, near the overlook. Robert and Danette reside on Wickett Pond Road.

Anniversary

Warren and Dett Oliver celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on August 4, 1983. Family and friends gathered for a surprise party at the Oliver's on July 30th. Congratulations to Warren and Dett!

Dett is the former Odessa MacLean born in Methuen, Mass. and Warren was born in Medford, Mass.

They were married in Wendell on August 4, 1923 by Rev. Trumane Whelphy with a reception at the home of Warren's parents. Prior to moving to Wendell in 1931, they had lived in Dorchester, Roxbury and Athol. Warren worked for the L.S. Starrett Co. in Athol for many years, retiring in 1966.

They have four children, Anita Tenney and Warren of Wendell and Joanne Richards of California, and Gloria Conkey of Belchertown; nine grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Harold F. Bezio

Harold F. Bezio died on July 2, 1983 at the Franklin County Hospital. Harold was born in Burlington, Vermont on August 10, 1904. He lived in Wendell since 1937 and worked at the Millers Falls Tool Company for 45 years, retiring in 1969.

Harold leaves his wife, Kathleen; four sons, Harold F. Jr. and Kenneth of Wendell, Nelson of Orange and Robert of Huntington, W. Va.; a daughter, Elizabeth A. North of Athol; 27 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews. Three sons, William, Donald and Ronald predeceased him.

Harold lived on Mormon Hollow Rd. My memories of him are many. Remembering when I was younger walking past his place, he would let one of us climb his cherry and pear trees and pick some fruit to share on the way home; knowing if there was something on the farm that we just couldn't fix, chances were that Harold could. Driving past his garage, it seems he would always be there doing something, always ready with a wave and a smile. Talking with his wife, Kathleen, she says he was always either puttering in his garage or in his garden which was his pride. He talked about his garden and loved to see it grow and produce.

I am very glad to have known Harold and to have these memories, to have learned what I did from him. Sometimes when driving past and I see his garage doors open I forget and expect to see him wave, then I remember. The sadness is there, yet more than that is the joy that I had the chance to know him.

Anne Diemand

Ella M. Hebert

Ella M. (Dutcher) Hebert, 89, of Locks Hill Road, died Sunday, June 26, in the Fleetwood Nursing Home in Athol.

She was the wife of Theodore P. Hebert, who died in 1970.

She was born in Lincoln, May 2, 1984, and had lived in Watertown before moving to Wendell 35 years ago.

Mrs. Hebert was a member of the Watertown Temple No. 72 of the Pythian Sisters and was past chief.

Survivors include several nieces and nephews.

Services were in the Witty Funeral Home in Orange, with the Rev. Oliver Massey of Orange officiating. Burial was in the South Cemetery.

Mrs. Hebert was librarian at Wendell Free Library for many years. She and Bertha Oakes struggled to keep the library open and vital. In the 1960's, Mrs. Hebert went to the Selectmen and had Mrs. Herrick appointed as trustee. The surprised and newly "trapped" trustee worked with Mrs. Hebert, sharing hours to keep the library open enough to qualify for State Aid. Mrs. Herrick says, "Ella Hebert had quite a bit of managerial ability."

Mrs. Hebert had the interior of the library refurbished, and then invited the entire Pioneer Valley Library Assoc. up for an annual meeting. Afterwards, a dinner banquet was held in the Townhall. The Assoc. was delighted and wanted to know when the meeting could be in Wendell again.

Mrs. Hebert enjoyed children. Each summer she ran reading programs. You may remember that each child who participated recieved a prize. Mrs. Hebert worked for the joy of it. Her contributions to the Library will not be forgotten, as she helped lay the foundation for the kind of attention and care that the Library is recieving today.

Kathy Becker

Marsha H. Nute

Marsha Helen Nute, 27, of Wendell Depot died Saturday, Aug. 20, in a motorcycle accident on Route 63 in Montague Center.

She was born in South Weymouth, Jan. 30, 1956. She graduated from Weymouth South High School where she was class salutatorian She also graduated from Stockbridge School of Agriculture and the University of Mass., both in Amherst.

She lived in Montague for four years before moving to Wendell 1½ years ago.

Mis Nute was a herdsman for the Gunn Farm in Sunderland.

Survivors include her parents, Gordon B. and Rayann (Small) Nute of South Weymouth two brothers, Ray W. of Herndon, Va., and Philip A. of South Weymouth; a sister, Cynthia A. Nute of Shelton, Conn., and her grandmother, Maud Nute of New Bedford.

Services were held Wednesday, Aug. 24, at 11 a.m. at the Shepherd Funeral Home. Burial was in Village Cemetery, Weymouth.

(taken from Greenfield Recorder, Mon. Aug. 22)

Land Transfers

5- 9-83	P&B Realty Corp. to Gerald C. Etheridge, 22.257 acres on New Salem Rd.
5-23-83	Craig E. Meadows and Pamela A. Meadows to George Eastman, 5 acres on north side of Jennison Rd.
5-23-83	Elmore C. Andrews,Jr., Etta B. Johnson, Robert F. Andrews and Leon L. Andrews to John Bourbeau, Mormon Hollow Rd.
6- 2-83	Stephen V. Hughes,Jr. to Commonwealth of Mass., 24 acres, 11 acres, 20 acres and 27 acres, northern part of Wendell.
6- 6-83	Warren E. and Fern G. Fellows to Kenneth D. Poletti and Jane R. Williams, 20 acres, eastern section of Wendell.
6- 6-83	Allyn W. Coombs, Inc. to Richard E. Duffy and Barbara L. Kane, 2.257 acres on Plain Rd.
6-14-83	Peter and Ann B. Humphry to David H. Tasgal, 3.94 acres, south side of Mt. Mineral Rd.
6-17-83	Margaret Ann Perkins Albert to Margaret Ann Perkins Albert and Robert Leet, 8.3 acres and buildings, Old Road from New Salem to Locks Village.
6-20-83	Clara M. Setterland to Theodore C. Setterland, 22.23 acres and buildings near Lock Hill Rd.
6-20-83	Clara M. Setterland to William A. Setterland, 25.730 acres near Lock Hill Rd.
6-20-83	Clara M. Setterland to David L. Setterland, 25.730 acres near Lock Hill Rd.
6-20-83	Clara M. Setterland to Jeffrey Bauman and Judith A. Stawartz-Bauman, 2.68 acres and 79.69 sq. feet near Lock Hill Rd.
6-21-83	Allyn W. Coombs, Inc. to Jimi Two Feathers and Phyllis M. Brooks, 16.223 acres and building on Plain Rd.
6-22-83	Allyn W. Coombs, Inc. to Myles E. Davis and Mary Ellen Ziemba Davis, 4.130 acres on Plain Rd.
6-24-83	Camp Anderson Foundation, Inc. to George K. and Ann C. Levinger, 25 square feet on N. Locks Village Rd.
6-24-83	Allyn W. Coombs, Inc. to Sarah E. and Lester I. Maynard, 7.475 acres on New Salem Rd.
6-28-83	Walter C. Jones to Charles J. Hart, Sr., Joan B. Rodriguez, Franklin J. Belville and Jane A. Belville, 13.845 acres on west side of Kempfield Rd.
6-28-83	Nancy Migdol to Linda Pirog and Virginia E. Schimmel, 1.50 acres on Morse Village Rd.

Fire Log

7-12-83	Railroad fire off Mormon Hollow Rd Mutual aid.
7-27-83	Brush fire on Jennison Rd. Harold Stowell's residence.
7-29-83	Rekindling of brush fire at Stowell's residence.

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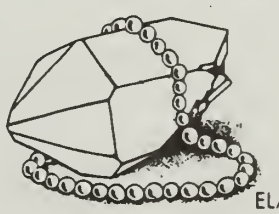

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Selectmen's Minutes 6/21/83

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Theodore Lewis with Slm. Kenneth Simos also present. The weekly payroll and bill warrant was approved. The minutes of the June 7th meeting were approved. Visitors: Hwy. Surveyor T. Bardsley; Dump Custodian K. Wing.

Ken Wing asked how his sick leave should be paid. Ken stated that his holiday pay is based on 5 hr. days. The Selectmen suggested that his sick pay should be based on 40 hours/year. This would be in balance with his ½ time status. The Selectmen will meet with the Board of Health to clarify this for the future.

The Board received and accepted a letter of resignation from John Larrett as a permanent part-time employee of the Highway Dept.

Hwy. Surveyor Bardsley was shown the letter and made appropriate comments.

Tom reported that he is going to hire a Drot for about 2 weeks in July to clean ditches. The cost will be $45 per hour with an operator.

Tom reported that the grader is repaired, Jennison Rd. is being scraped, then East Rd. and Bullard Pasture Rd.

Discussed problems with south end of Locke Hill #1.

Discussed the new loader. The Board voted to instruct the Treasurer to borrow the money that the Town Meeting approved in May so that the loader can be purchased now.

Tom will call Ken Monday to see when the money will be available. Tom will then notify Tyler Equipment when the final payment will be made.

Discussed bridge on Wendell Depot Rd. It should be paved soon.

Harry Williston was appointed Town Accountant.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

7/5/83

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Slm. Ken Simos with Slm. Jim Slavas present. The weekly payroll and bill warrant was approved. Visitors: Bd. of Health member David Wilder, New England Telephone rep. John Barron, Donald Chappell property owner on Locke Hill #1, Hwy. Surveyor T. Bardsley, Adm. Assistant Rita Farrell.

Bd. of Health member and the Board discussed the spraying of power lines by Mass. Electric Co. and New England Power Co. The work is scheduled to begin this month.

They discussed the Town By-Law (rejected by the Att. Gen.) and the Bd. of Health regulation (never filed with the Att. Gen.) David stated that because the Bd. of Health regulation was never filed, it is of no value.

7:35 p.m. Pole hearing. Center Rd. location approved.

Discussed the short term note for the loader with Treasurer Florence Blackbird. (Best interest rate so far is Shawmut at 5½%). The Board will hold an adjourned meeting Thursday at 7:00 p.m. to sign the borrowing papers.

Donald Chappell, who just bought property on the south end of Locke Hill #1, asked to have that road improved to driveable conditions to his driveway (approx. 150 yds.). At the present time that road is in disrepair.

Discussed the best and most economical method of making the road passable.

Hwy. Surveyor Tom Bardsley stated the biggest expense will be improving the drainage. He will try to have some cost estimates ready for Thursday.

Tom will make the road passable now and improvements later.

Tom requested the raise for his part time laborer Wade Powling. Ken explained that we should look out for our permanent employees. Also, our funds are very low and every raise benefits the employee, but hurts the budgets.

Tom stressed that a merit raise of 25 cents per hour was in order for Wade based on his performance over the past year.

The result of this was that Wade is invited to the next Selectmen's meeting to be designated as a permanent part time employee.

Tom reported that he has hired Milton Wilder as a part time truck driver for about 3 weeks.

The CETA crew started today.

Rita Farrell reported that there is approximately $900 available for Emergency Housing and Shelter for Wendell Citizens. Anyone needing these funds is to contact the Orange Emergency Housing Authority.

Rita Farrell informed the Board of the materials bid on culverts that were opened by the county.

Jim has talked with the Finance Committee about the loader purchase.

Michael Idoine would like to meet with the Board at their next meeting to discuss Route 2. (scheduled for 8:00 p.m.)

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

7/19/83

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by the Chairman Theodore Lewis with the full Board present.

The weekly payroll and bill warrant was approved.

Visitors: Treas. Florence Blackbird; Tax Collector Judith Wilder; Town Clerk Anna Hartjens; Hwy. Surv. Tom Bardsley; Finance Committee member Ann Zak; Citizens Dean and Colleen Bennett and Anne Diemand.

The Treasurer, Tax Collector, and Town Clerk stated objections to the purchase order system as set up by the Selectmen.

After a discussion of the pros and cons of using purchase orders and who should approve them as the purchasing agent, the following motion was made and seconded and approved.

Motion: Purchase Orders must be used in numerical sequence. In case of voids, all 3 copies are to be given to the Acct.

Dept. heads may sign their own purchase orders if they turn in the yellow copy to the Accountant 30 days prior to the purchase. Otherwise, all 3 copies must be presented to the Selectmen for approval.

Vote in favor - Slavas and Lewis. Opposed - Simos.

Dean Bennett answered questions concerning the possible conflict of interest between himself and Hwy. Sur. Tom Bardsley.

The Board has written the State Ethics Board to get a ruling on this matter. Until this matter is resolved Bennett is not to work for the Highway Dept.

Discussed completing repairs to the head walls of the Wendell Depot Rd. Bridge that was repaired earlier this spring. A permanent solution will be discussed in two weeks.

Discussed progress that is being made on the drainage project. The schedule is finish Locke Hill, do a little on Locks Village Rd., then onto Farley Rd. Ted stated that he would like to see more daily progress.

The Pot Hole Repair grant money will be used for this project, up to $6000.

Chapter 90 project. We are going to need approx. 6000 cu. yd. of bank run gravel. We will go out to bid for this.

Morse Village Rd. was closed on July 6, due to washouts.

Anne Diemand - re: Old Home Day Comm.

1. Need to close Center Rd. Also from Post Office to Church.
2. Permission to park dump truck near Common to collect rubbish.
3. Electricity - get from Fire Station and Town Hall.
4. Town Hall - need for Art displays from Swift River School.
5. Insurance - get a one day rider
6. Town Hall charge - ($15 custodial deposit)

Town Hall Use Policy review.

Anne Zak questioned some of the fees charged. The Board explained the fees and all felt they were fine. The term fee and custodial deposit might help to clear up this problem instead of deposit and refund.

The term "family type use" was objected to. This will be looked at further.

Anne Zak reported that new gasoline tanks will be installed at the store in the near future and inquired about permits. The Fire Chief issues these permits.

The Wendell Democratic Committee wants to hold a meeting in the Town Hall to discuss the pros and cons to the Rte. 2 reconstruction.

Meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

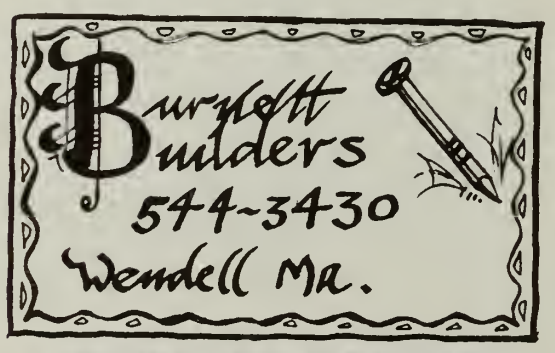
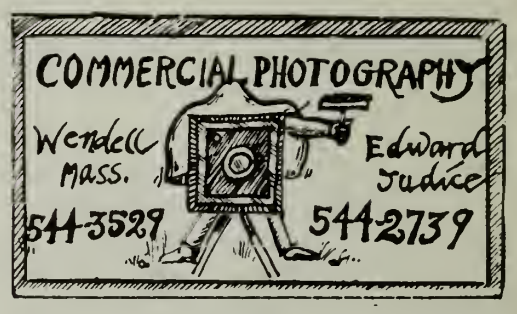
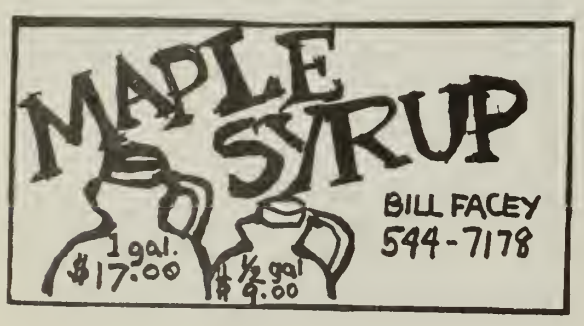
7/26/83

7:30 p.m. Federal Revenue Sharing proposed use hearing. In attendance: Slm. Theodore E. Lewis, Slm. James Slavas, Clerk/Accountant Harry Williston and Hwy. Surveyor Tom Bardsley.

(1) Request for whole amount available now $11,638.11 to help pay off short term note for new Front End Loader.

(2) Request balance and income through Sept. 30, 1983 to be added to the Town Garage/Fire Station Building Fund.

Hearing adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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